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**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Early Childhood Program Administrators

From: Karen Woodhouse, Deputy Associate Superintendent  
Sally D. Downing, Early Childhood Program Administrator

Re: "Critical Issues in Early Childhood"

This memo is to notify you regarding upcoming informational sessions extremely important to your early childhood staff and administrators. The Early Childhood Education section at the Arizona Department of Education will be presenting "**Critical Issues in Early Childhood**", a full-day program on the newly revised Early Learning Standards, Assessment in Early Childhood, and the new self assessment process, called ECQUIP. The Early Childhood Quality Improvement Practices (ECQUIP) will ensure ongoing quality improvement in elementary schools and early childhood programs, Pre-K through Grade Three.

As this information is new, vital, and will affect your Preschool Special Education (619), Even Start/Family Literacy, Migrant Education Even Start, and Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG) funding, it is expected that each elementary district, elementary school, and preschool program receiving state funds will send a designee or team to one of these sessions.

As you will note on the attached schedule, efforts have been made to keep your travel to a minimum. Trainings will be held from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM at each location listed. The attachment shows the schedule for each day, to allow you flexibility in planning for attendees. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP with the number of attendees to Alisa in our office at 602.364.1984 one week prior to the training you plan to attend, so we are able to plan food accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the sessions and discussing these "critical issues". Please share this letter with others in your district/school who would benefit from this information.